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Mr. Tim Hannifin and
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Dear Mr.  Hannifin and Mr.  Mellor:

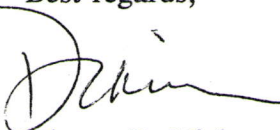
Re: Board of Oil, Gas and Mining Field Tour, Eureka Mining District - Trixie Mine & Silver City Heap Leach Project, M/049/009 & M/023/007, Utah & Juab Counties, Utah

On behalf of the Board and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, I would like to thank you for the tour of Sunshine Mining Company's Trixie Mine which you and your staff conducted on July 21, 1992. The tour was very interesting and informative and provided us with an increased understanding of the complexity of conducting an underground hardrock mining operation.

It is important for the Board to see a producing mining operation. The tour afforded us an opportunity to see and discuss how our mining regulations affect an active mine in terms of operational compliance and ultimate reclaimability. Thank you also for the delicious lunch in Eureka.

This type of opportunity enhances our understanding of mining operations. We enjoyed visiting with you and your staff and appreciated the candor and expertise expressed in entertaining our questions and concerns.

Best regards,



Dianne R. Nielson
Director